Inter-state water disputes

2984. SHRI Md. SALIM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of inter-State river water disputes in the country which are pending before the Central Government;

(b) The salient points at dispute; and

(c) the number of disputes which have so far been settled?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, two disputes, namely, sharing of surplus Ravi and Beas waters and sharing of Cauvery waters have been referred to the Tribunals in April, 1986 and June, 1990 respectively. The Ravi & Beas Waters Tribunal has given its report in January, 1987 and the Government of India and Party States have made further reference as envisaged under the Act to seek explanation/guidance of the Tribunal on its Report. The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal has passed an order on 25.6.91 granting interim relief to Tamil Nadu and Pondichery. As regards the proposal from Madhya Pradesh for consideration of the questions associated with Mahi-Bajaj Sagar under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, a preliminary inter-State Meeting was held on February 6, 1991. The Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have indicated that they propose bilateral inter-action for resolution of issue amicably.

(c) Three Inter-States Water Disputes namely Krishna Water Dispute, Godavari Water Dispute and Narmada Dispute have been settled through Tribunals in May, February, 1979 and December, 1979 respectively.

Land having access to irrigation in the country

2985. SHRI Md. SALIM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how much land in the country was under irrigation during each Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the number of incomplete major and medium irrigation projects in the country?

THE MINISTER WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) According to the Land Use Statistics published by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, the net area irrigated in the country, by all sources, during the terminal year of various plans is as under:

Plan	Year	Net area irrigated (m.ha.)
First Plan (1951—56)	1955-56	22.76
Second Plan (1956—61)	1960-61	24.66
Third Plan (1961—66)	1965-66	26.34
Annual Plans (1966—69)	1968-69	29.01
Fourth Plan (1969—74)	1973-74	32.55
Fifth Plan (1974—78)	1977-78	36.55
Annual Plans (1978—80)	1979-80	38.52
Sixth Plan (1980—85)	1984-85	41.72
Seventh Plan (1985—90)	1988-89*	45.19

*The Information is available only upto 1988-89.

(b) According to the latest information available, there are 157 major and 228 medium irrigation projects spilling over from Annual Plan 1991-92 to 1992-93 which is the first year of VIII Plan. Besides there are 100 extension/ renovation/modernisation schemes, also spilling over to VIII Plan from 1991-92.